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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notice - MM Docket No. 02-277**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 21, 2003, Jon Mandel, Co-CEO and Chief Negotiating Officer, MediaCom, Steve Mosko, President, Sony Pictures Television and I briefed Commissioner Michael Copps and Alex Johns of his staff on issues raised in the comments filed by the Coalition for Program Diversity in the above noted docket.

Subjects discussed during this briefing included: the current status of the narrow prime time television programming marketplace; the advertising marketplace for prime time television programming; the 25% Independent Producer Rule proposed by the Coalition for Program Diversity; the judicial sustainability of the 25% Independent Producer Rule; and the public interest benefits from the Commission's adoption of the 25% Independent Producer Rule.

As required by section 1.1206(b), two copies of this letter are being submitted for inclusion

in the above referenced docket.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Gardner  
Counsel for the Coalition for Program Diversity

cc: Honorable Michael Copps  
Alex Johns  
Kenneth Ziffren